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Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests amendment of the above-identified Patent Application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On Page 1, line 1, before "Background of the Invention", please insert the following:

-- CROSS-REFERENCES TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is related to U.S. Patent Application No. 09/965,757 filed on September 28, 2001, entitled "Method, Apparatus, and System to Formulate Regions of Reusable Instructions," and U.S. Patent Application No. 09/969,962 filed on September 29, 2001, entitled "Method and Apparatus For Performing Compiler Transformation of Software Code Using Fastforward Regions and value specialization," and assigned to the assignee of the present application. --